

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) A system for maintaining security of a cargo container during shipment from an origination point to a destination, the system comprising:

means for determining geographic location of the cargo container during shipment from the origination point to the destination; and

a battery-powered container security unit (CSU) for the container, the CSU reporting on status of the cargo container during the shipment, wherein frequency of the reporting is a function of the geographic location of the container.

28. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~[[27]]~~ 32, further comprising a CSU bridge for extending range of the wireless network communication so allowing the CSU can operate longer in the to communicate via a low-power wireless network-connection mode.

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 28, further comprising means for moving cargo containers, the CSU bridge attached to the cargo-moving means.

30. (Currently amended) The system of claim 28, wherein the CSU bridge is located in a location where direct communication links are not available.

31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the CSU bridge provides positional information to the CSU.

32. (New) A system for maintaining security of a cargo container during shipment from an origination point to a destination, the system comprising:

a device for determining geographic location of the cargo container during shipment from the origination point to the destination; and

a battery-powered container security unit (CSU) for the container, the CSU reporting on status of the cargo container during the shipment, wherein frequency of the reporting is a function of the geographic location of the container;

the CSU operating in a high power communications mode during transit to communicate with a network operations center;

the CSU switching to a low power wireless network mode to communicate with the network operations center when wireless network communication is available.

33. (New) A system comprising:

a cargo container; and

battery-powered security means for maintaining security of the container during shipment from an origination point to a destination;

the security means reporting on status of the cargo container during the shipment, wherein frequency of the reporting is a function of the geographic location of the container;

the security means operating in a high power communications mode to communicate with a network operations center during shipment;

the security means switching to a low power wireless network mode to communicate with the network operations center when wireless network communication is available;

whereby battery power is saved by switching to the wireless network mode.